Skills Abound In Reich Camps

Many Inmates Have Trades And Professions Needed By Other Countries.

BABENHAUSEN, GERMANY.—Displaced persons camps in Germany can supply skilled workers as immigrants to any country that needs them. Most men and many women among those people uprooted by war have trades, handicrafts and professions needed by countries short of manpower.

Many DP camp inmates who had no skills are learning them in camp training schools taught by fellow DPs, basically preparing for a chance to go to work in some new country.

In this DP camp in Babenhausen are 1,071 persons brought by the Nazis from the Baltic countries of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania as forced laborers.

Learn Practical Trades.

Half of them are taking vocational courses. Some who already have one trade are acquiring another in which it might be easier to obtain employment in a strange land.

In varying degrees, the same process of self-education is going on in most DP camps in Germany. They learn such practical trades as weaving, dyeing, tailoring, shoemaking, mechanics and carpentering.

While learning, they not only produce articles useful in camp life, but other goods for sale through camp offices.

The variety of work displaced persons could do if given a chance was illustrated by a recent survey in the United States zone.

The survey showed 20,000 office workers, 8,000 construction and maintenance workers, 6,000 doctors, nurses and other health or sanitation experts; 10,000 communications workers, including radio, railway and telegraph experts; 46,000 trained in "special services" such as barbers, photographers, printers, shoemakers and tailors; 17,000 artists or professional people, including engineers, musicians, teachers and writers; 2,000 metal workers, and 22,000 farmers, dairymen or foresters.

Hope to Move as Family.

Officials of the international refugee organization, who are trying to find new homes for these displaced people, rate 62 per cent as employable. They say 38 per cent are actually working now in camps, although there is no requirement that they labor. Most unemployables are women or children.

Some of these varied DP skills are being utilized in resettlement projects which are slowly reducing camp population by moving the inmates into new countries as immigrant workers.

However, too many countries seeking immigrants want principally miners and farm workers. Too few countries seem to want the professional people.

Refugee officials also point out this danger: So many resettlement projects exclude unemployable dependents that when the employables are drained off there is likely to be a large residue of people unable to maintain themselves in any country.

These leftovers are likely to become perpetual charges under Allied care.

"Clearly the number of these persons will be decreased if the international refugee organization is successful in its efforts to arrange resettlement of refugees in family groups," a recent report suggested.

U. S. and Bulgaria renew diplomatic relations.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Hollywood

Hollywood, Dec. 30.- Rev. C. G Carter preached a fine sermon at Hollywood Baptist Church Sunday night.

Roberta Franklin is ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Alice Carwile is seriously ill.

Mrs. D. L. Smith is ill at this writing.

Miss Betty Franklin is spending the week-end with Annie M. Franklin.

Tommy Gowin and Erna White were supper guests of Lucy Baber Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Franklin and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Julian Franklin, of Spout Spring Saturday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Franklin in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Franklin entertained a few of their friends at a Christmas party Saturday night.Jack Cawthorne and Bob Jenkins played string music, which was enjoyed by all.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Franklin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Gowin, Betty and James Gowin and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith.

Farm prices increase 5 per cent in thirty days.

Car industry's output in dollars to top record.

More snow is predicted for New York.

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Colored Dots

All members of the Galilee Baptist Church are asked to attend the annual church meeting this Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the church. All reports from all of the auxiliaries of the church will be made. The pastor will present his annual program of work.

The group Christmas tree program between the First Baptist and Galilee Sunday Schools was largely attended Christmas night. The program consisted of a candle light service. The program was directed by Mrs. Hamlet and Miss Stephens. Presentations were given to each of members of the two schools and to several of the older members. The pastors of the two churches were given a cash contribution from the church and the Sunday Schools.

A large number of relatives and friends visited here during the holiday. Among the list the following were seen: Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Stokes and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb, George and Howard Stevens, Miss Modessa Tibbs, James, Lee and McKinley Tibbs, Mrs. Dorothy Patrick and Miss Jaquetta Patterson.

Mrs. Lucy Stephens, who underwent an operation at the Lynchburg General Hospital last week, returned home Christmas Eve in the best of spirit.

The annual Christmas tree program was conducted at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Monday evening. Miss Mattie Fleshman was in charge of the program.

The Rev. R. Q. Lawing and family were the Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Alice Angel and family.

Miss Illean Turner was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Rev. N. R. Jordan left Sunday for New York, where he will visit his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beasley and son and Mrs. Bertha Pankey spent Christmas in Baltimore.

Miss Emma Anna Cheatham became the bride of Clifton Tweedy on December 27, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lawing. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lawing

GOLDEN WEDDING

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Judge H. and Mary McDaniel took place December 21, 1947, in their home. Sons and daughters present: Jubber T. McDaniel, of New York; George Larkin McDaniel, of New York; Henry Woody McDaniel, of Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Poindexter and family, Farmville; Mrs. Christine Dunnivelle and family, of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Bass Ferguson and family, of Appomattox;Mr. and Mrs. James Cadwell and family of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Duke Patterson, Appomattox;Mr. and Mrs. Watts, New Jersey. Nineteen grandchildren were present.

Among the white friends present and who spoke were Miss Eula Burke, Ural Mitchell, N. R. Featherston and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burke. Their remarks were enjoyed by all.

The occasion was greatly enjoyed and all wished the couple many more anniversaries. The honorees Gowin and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith.

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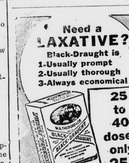

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POULTRYMEN WARNED ON BUYING

Virginia poultrymen were warned recently by A. L. Dean, associate poultry husbandman, against buying chicks for their 1948 flocks from house-to-house peddlers or at auction.

Almost all chicks bought from none-too-reliable sources will be Leghorn cockerels, which, Dean explains, will not sell as readily as broilers on next year's markets. In most cases, he added, the large breeds such as New Hampshire or Plymouth Rocks, either White or Barred, will be more practical; and if Leghorns are chosen, buy sexed chicks. Dean advised further to buy only from reliable Virginia hatcheries, and order the chicks at once for early delivery. An early pullet, he explains will develop into a larger, more productive bird than one hatched in late spring or early summer.

Rigid culling is also advised to combat the increasingly acute shortage and rising prices of grain. The farmer's first obligation, Dean believes, is to reduce the size of the poultry flock by eating a hen or an extra male each week. Dispose of hens out of production, extra cockerels, and pullets underweight and not producing.

Dean warns against over-crowding in the brooder houses, and says to be sure you have your brooder houses clean and the brooder stove in running order. Don't wait until the day before the chicks arrive to make your preparations. Run the stove for three or four days, and have litter on the brooder house floor.Provide well constructed wooden feed hoppers and a plentiful supply of drinking fountains. A durable roosting shed for each brooder house will aid in raising good pullets. The brooder house and shelter should be located only where the pullets will have access to green range in the spring.

Weapons Now Exist That Peril World

Could Wipe Out Last Vestige of All Forms of Life.

NEW YORK.—Weapons now exist, without including the atomic bomb, "that could wipe the last vestige of human, animal and vegetable life from the face of the earth," according to Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias, U. S. N., retired.

"These weapons exist," Zacharias wrote in the United Nations World, a privately financed magazine and not an official U. N. publication. "They are being manufactured right now and they are not an American monopoly. Several nations are known to have them."

The admiral described the weapons—"shrouded in the closest military secrecy"—as of a biological, bacteriological and climateological nature.

He added that the United States now has an atom bomb 50 times more powerful than those dropped at Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Russia, the navy man asserted, is investigating military applications of cosmic rays and is proceeding with rocket development; Britain is making progress in guided missiles, and the United States has a secret biological weapon, "a germ proposition" sprayed from aircraft or rockets.

"These modern weapons," Zacharias said, "bear only slight similarity to conventional armaments of the past, permit the waging of inter-continental war from long distances. They are designed to destroy life in enormous areas."

Furthermore, he said, the new weapons are of such a nature that their lethal quality continues long after actual use, would jump international boundaries and oceans.

Areas attacked would have to be quarantined and it might be "a thousand years before those blasted areas will again support life of any kind."

Swedes Set Trap to Prevent Flight of Political Refugees

MALMOE, SWEDEN. — Police and coastguardmen along Sweden's southern and southwestern coasts were ordered to stop the flight of political refugees from Eastern Europe.

Police officials denied the order was the result of Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's flight from Poland.

There has been no official report that Mikolajczyk, leader of the opposition to the Communist-dominated government of Poland, was in Sweden.

Police admitted, however, that most of the refugees who had arrived in the last month were from Poland. They said several high Polish officers had arrived in coal boats.

Prisoners' Train Finishes Wild Trip Across Country

CAMP COOKE, CALIF. — Passengers on the army's transcontinental prison train "Hell Run" were lodged in quarters here from which escape would be "extremely difficult."

The 141 tough prisoners, transported from Greenhaven, N. Y., made the trip a nightmare for their guards with unruliness, escapes and attempted escapes.

Seven got away in Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. Six were recaptured, one of them shot seriously. One man was being hunted in Kansas.

There were scores of attempts to escape every time the train slowed down, officers said. Several prisoners were shot and wounded by guards.

Col. Wade D. Killen of Salt Lake City, train commander from there westward, described the men as "habitual criminals, many of them inured to crime before they entered the army." All have been sentenced for serious crimes, many to life terms.

Navy to Study Antarctic Lakes

Helicopters Will Soar Over Mysterious 'Oasis' in Frigid Wastes.

WASHINGTON. — In the hope of learning more about the mysterious region of multi-colored lakes sighted from the air in Antarctica last year, the United States navy has started a special expedition to the area.

The first of two ships chosen for the task—the icebreaker Edisto — sailed recently from Norfolk, Va. A second icebreaker, the Burton Island, sailed from San Pedro, Calif. Each vessel is to carry a helicopter, to permit navy fliers to land in the lake region among the gravel hills that precludes a landing by a conventional airplane.

Comdr. Gerald L. Ketchum was designated head the expedition, it was learned. The two icebreakers will rendezvus at sea, it was indicated, and proceed directly to the Antarctic icecap.

Opera in Summer.

The plan ofexploration adopted is for the two ibreakers to drive as near to the past as possible and launch their flicopters. Although it will be wintertn the northern hemisphere, the expedition will have the advantage ofoperating during the Antarctic summer. Personnel will live aboard the Edisto and the Burton Island, aiding the difficulties of setting up base ashore, as was done by last year's larger navy expedition.

Plans for a visit to Little America were tentative but it was understood that such a visit might be made. In addon, it was learned that the expedin might attempt to force the ice belier at other points where explorath has been slight, provided time mains after it has accomplished its primary mission of studying the ice area.

A primary mstery surrounding this region is w the lakes do not freeze, surround as they are by glaciers and pertual snow. Among the theories advced to account for the temperatu is one that the earth is warmeoy volcanic activity.

Climatechanging.

Another theory that the climate is becoming mil. This theory will be checked, it wunderstood, even though there is little evidence to support it in theurrounding frigid wastes of the tarctic, because such a change, if progress, would have portentous steorological implications.

Commander Rhum was captain of the Burtonland during the last expedition. small group of civilian scientist whose names have not been re public, is accompanying him the present undertaking.

Members of t1946 expedition described the lt area as an "oasis" because its isolated position. The region inland from the Knox coast of thntarctic continent, almost the sh of Australia.

Another navy edition, headed by Comdr. Finn ane, is in the Antarctic, operat on Palmer peninsula.

$200 Investmentins Into Big Businin Six Years

MINNEAPOLIS, NN. — In six years, two Minnesin brothers have run a $200 intment into a $100,000 business.

Willard and Rob Resnick, coowners of Triplolefining company, set up a painanufacturing plant in 1941 as a sullary to their oil refining division.

They recently had build a $75,000 addition to talcare of the mushrooming paint bness, which almost has outdisted the oil sales.

Originally, they "bht into" the business with $200.

Since then they h expanded and taken over the scern. Both veterans of World Wa, the brothers also have a pa processing school for ex-servicen.

Four-Engine Jet Avges 507 M. P. H. first Flight

OKLAHOMA CITY (A.—The first multi-engine jetane to be turned over to the airses landed at Tinker field here ltwo hours and 15 minutes after it lk off from Muroc field, Calif., its initial cross-country flight.

Col. T. R. Lynch, uty commander of Tinker fi said the Consolidated XB-46 fongine jet plane averaged 507 mper hour on the 1,180-mile flighthe plane carried a crew of three a representative of the manufacturer.

Tests of the bombere to be continued at Wright fie

Teacher Wills Cats $100; Veterinarian to d Them

CAMDEN, N. J.—Bu 5-year-old Maltese tomcat, andy Sing, 12-year-old tom of unknolineage, are the principal benefics of the $32,000 estate left by Sa Y. Furber, retired school teac.

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After the death of thes, the residue of the estate go First Presbyterian church of chantville, N. J.

'Elite' Americans Are Targets of Looters

Rise of Thievery in U. S. Area Keeps Police Busy.

BERLIN.—Americans here are inspecting the windows in their homes every evening. Police have called for such precautions to check the rise of thievery and housebreaking committed against the American community.

The Americans are the chief target of German burglars and thieves for the obvious reasons that the Americans are the economic elite of this wrecked and hungry metropolis. The Americans have the most food, cigarettes and clothing and drive shiny new sedans.

The army's criminal investigation division reported 650 cases of car theft and housebreaking have been committed against U. S. personnel in the first eight months of this year.

An average of 10 vehicles per month were reported stolen. The report is believed conservative because many incidents are not reported to police.

Winter nights seem extraordinarily long in Berlin because the city's chronic coal shortage forces substantial shutoffs of electric power. This works in favor of burglars.

Army police have issued a long list of "dos and don'ts" for American residents to foil lawbreakers.

One of these advises Americans to "examine your windows daily to insure that they have not been tampered with preparatory to an unauthorized entry at a later date."

Another rule cautions Americans not to be content with placing their automobiles in locked garages, but to "remove vital parts from engines" when the cars are parked.

Burglar alarm systems are popular. Many families also have engaged the services of private guards to patrol their streets.

This Landlord Prefers Tenants With Babies

PORTLAND, ME. — Families with young babies make the best tenants, says Gunder Rasmussen.

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Parents Aid Prison Pal of Their Son and He Robs Them

CHICAGO. — Before Charles R. Churchill, 31, found his way into Leavenworth penitentiary as a draft evader, he had served time elsewhere for passing bad checks and for grand larceny.

In Leavenworth, he was a hospital orderly. He made friends with a military prisoner, Thomas O'Gara Jr., who was ill. He wrote letters for O'Gara to O'Gara's parents. When O'Gara died, Mr. and Mrs. O'Gara went to Leavenworth. They told Churchill to look them up when he got out. He did. Last September.

When the O'Garas moved, they gave him a key to the house and told him to make himself at home. He did. He stole bonds, clothing and jewelry valued at $500 and went to Milwaukee, where he was arrested. He was returned to Chicago to face a charge of grand larceny in felony court.

"Why did you do it?" Churchill was asked. "Didn't they treat you nice?"

"Sure," he said, "They treated me fine. I just can't help stealing."

24-Year-Old Father Kills Self After Wounding Wife

SHIPPENSBURG, PA. — Police Chief E. J. Hunter said a 24-year-old father shot and killed himself after wounding his estranged wife and their two-year-old son.

Hunter identified the dead man as Eugene Gutshall of Newville, Pa. He said Gutshall fired a shot at his wife, Mrs. Crystal Gutshall, 22, which grazed her nose and caused a flesh wound in the shoulder of their child, Donald, whom she was holding. The shooting took place after an argument in Mrs. Gutshall's apartment here.

Solon Demands His Teeth for Use In Debate Over Measure

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA.—The Australian parliament, which broadcasts its proceedings to the nation, was debating a bill to nationalize banks.

In the midst of the speechmaking, Laborite Rowley James, who lives in Newcastle, 300 miles from Canberra, interrupted on a point of order and advanced to the microphones.

He called his dentist by name and lisped: "Milton, if you are listening, get my teeth ready for this week-end."

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